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Director

Lowell Braxton Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Ste 1210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Subject:

Pending Enforcement Action against Jumbo Mining Company and Western States

Minerals Corporation

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Thank you for providing us notice that your agency is intending to initiate enforcement action against Jumbo Mining Company and Western States Minerals Corporation, due to their failure to either resume mining operations at the Drum Mine site, or begin reclamation activities. As you know, the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has an interest in this case because of possible violations of the Utah Water Quality Act (UCA 19-5-101) and the Utah Ground Water Protection Regulations (UAC R317-6).

The DWQ supports your efforts to resolve the reclamation matters at this site and will make available the appropriate staff to assist you in your enforcement actions. Because resolution of our compliance issues with Jumbo will likely involve installing an appropriate cap on the remaining contaminated ore to prevent excessive leaching of contaminants into the subsurface, your requirements for reclamation and revegetation of the heaps will be closely related. It would be desirable if you could include these issues in your enforcement action. Please advise us as the best way to proceed.

Please contact Mark Novak of this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler, P.E. Director

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cc: Rex Rowley, Bureau of Land Management

Central Utah Health Dept. Roger Foisy, District Engineer Tom Mitchell, Attorney General

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